## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

e the Application of:

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Examiner: Michael B. Holmes

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 1, 2004

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests the status of the above-identified application, particularly when Applicant will receive the next action for the above-identified application. An Amendment was filed on April 29, 2004 in response to the pending Non-Final Office Action and Applicant has not received a response from the Examiner.

Applicant respectfully submits that there is no fee required for this submission, however, please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1088.

> Respectfully submitted, ARK & BRODY

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